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KENTUCKY WHEAT YIELD UP

Kentucky farmers expect to produce 28.7 million bushels of **winter wheat** according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 and represented a 3 percent increase in production from the June estimate. The expected increase in the 2011 crop is a result of more harvested acreage than 2010. Yield was forecast at 70 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the June estimate, and 4 bushels above the 2010 yield. Farmers intend to harvest 410,000 acres for grain, unchanged from June but 160,000 acres above the previous year. There were 530,000 acres of wheat seeded in the fall of 2010. The 120,000 acres not harvested for grain were used as plow down prior to setting tobacco or harvested as hay or silage.

Temperatures were above normal during June. Flooding in May resulted in some damage to the wheat crop. As of June 26, 64 percent of the crop had been harvested.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and up slightly from 2010. The U.S. yield was forecast at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month but down 0.6 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totaled 32.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2011 but up 2 percent from last year.

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